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FOR EUR/P - MR. GEHRON: PLEASE ALSO PASS MR. COBO

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SUBJECT: THE CITY OF MIAMI BICENTENNIAL TOUR OF EUROPE

A. STATE 144322 B. BRUSSELS 6077

1. MESSRS COBO AND PERZANOWSKI VISITED EMBASSY JULY 14. THEY MET WITH AMBASSADOR, REVIEWED THEIR PLANS IN LIGHT OF OUR ADVICE AND ESTABLISHED DIRECT CONTACT WITH AGENCE WIRTZ (LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY WHICH IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH NAKU TRAVEL SERVICE OF MIAMI). MR. COBO CONFIRMED TO US THAT GOVERNOR ASKEW WOULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED IN GROUP. ONE FLORIDA SENATOR AND CONGRESSMEN MIGHT ALSO PARTICIPATE. REQUEST COFIRMATION OF GOVERNOR'S PARTICIPATION ASAP SO INVITATIONS TO AUG. 23 RECEPTION (BELOW) AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE PREPARED APPROPRIATELY. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES.

(A) SCHEDULE

SAT., AUG, 21 - ARRIVE MIDI STATION BRUSSELS VIA TEE

FROM PARIS AT 1200. TO PALACE HOTEL (ALL TRANSPORT THROUGHOUT STAY

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AND RESERVATIONS TO BE HANDLED BY WIRTZ).

1400 - SPECIAL CITY TOUR INCLUDING VISIT TO PARLIAMENT, WHICH WILL NOT BE IN SESSION(WIRTZ). EVENING FREE.
SUN.,AUG. 22 - 0900 - BUS TOUR TO BASTOGNE AND AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AT NEUVILLE EN CONDROZ.(WE HAVE INFORMED CUSTODIAN.) WREATH LAYING AT BASTOGNE, WHERE GROUP WILL BE RECEIVED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS,(ALL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING WREATH BY WIRTZ.) WE HAVE ALERTED BASTIGNE AUTHORITIES. EVENING FREE.

MON. , AUG. 23 - 1000 - 1430 - -VISIT TO NATO INCLUDING LUNCH. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COORDINATED BY DAO WITH USNATO AND INCLUDE: 1000 - GENERAL/POLITICAL BRIEFING:

1045 - EAST-WEST/MBFR: 1130 - COFFEE; 1145 - FILM "EUROPE AND AMERICA" 1215 - LUNCH (NATO CAFETERIA); 1345 - BRIEFING - US MISSION NATO; 1430 - DEPART NATO FOR PALACE HOTEL. 1500- PRESS CONFERENCE AT PALACE HOTEL (ARRANGEMENTS BY WIRTZ WITH USIS ASSISTANCE FOR INVITATIONS TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA REPS.) 1600 - BRIEFING BY USEC AMBASSADOR DEANE R. HINTON OR USEC DCM ROBERT J. MORRIS AT PALACE HOTEL ON US-EC RELATIONS AND MOVES TOWARD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. (ARRANGEMENTS BY WIRTZ). 1900 - RECEPTION INCLUDING BUFFET DINNER AT HILTON HOTEL TO BE HOSTED JOINTLY BY CHARGE (IN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE),GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA AND MAYOR OF MIAMI. PREPARATION OF GUEST LIST (TO DRAW BETWEEN 70-100 BELGIANS AND AMERICANS),INVITATIONS AND PROVIDING OF BONDED REFRESHMENTS TO BE HANDLED BY EMBASSY; COSTS TO BE BORNE BY MIAMI GROUP. ARRANGEMENTS WITH HILTON BY WIRTZ.

TUES., AUG 24 - 0645 - DEPART BRUSSELS BY AIR FOR LMNDON.

(B) STEUBEN GLASS EAGLE GIFT TO HEAD OF STATE.

WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH GRAND MARSHAL TO DETERMINE WHETHER PALACE CAN SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO AUG. 23 RECEPTION TO RECEIVED EAGLE ON BEHALF OF KING. GRAND MARSHAL INFORMED US THAT GIFT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PALACE REPRESENTATIVE. WILL CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT.

(C) SECURITY. MR COBO INFORMED US THAT GOVERNOR USUALLY TRAVELS WITH ARMED FLORIDA STATE TROOPER FOR PERSONAL SECURITY. HE DID SO WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED MIAMI GROUP TO LATIN AMERICA BY CHARTER AIRCRAFT.

WE REVIEWED BELGIAN LEGAL PROBLEMS ARMED BODYGUARD
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WOULD ENCOUNTER AND WERE ASSURED THAT ANY BODYGUARD WOULD NOT BE ARMED. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE GOVERNOR SECURITY.

2. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH USEC AND USNATO.
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